PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM CAFFRAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to pay tribute to Jim Caffray and thank him for his work as Archives Technician with the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). His years of commitment and dedication as a public servant are certainly commendable and worthy of recognition before this body of Congress and this nation today. I, along with my fellow Americans am grateful for all that he has accomplished during his years of service.

Jim Caffray served in the Navy during the Vietnam era and later continued his service to this nation when he became an Intermittent Archives Aid in June of 1992. He was hired full time in the civilian division of the NPRC in February of 1993. Jim was reassigned to Military Personnel Records in April of 1995. As an Archives Technician, Jim has served over 25,000 veterans by responding to requests for records. As an Expert Technician, Jim supports Archives Technicians on his team with his historical knowledge, while responding to the most complex inquiries received by the Center.

During my tenure in the United States Congress, Jim provided exceptional service to constituents of the 3rd Congressional District of Colorado. Jim worked hard to ensure that inquiries on behalf of my constituents submitted to NPRC were addressed in a timely and thorough manner. Jim routinely demonstrated a willingness to assist beyond the standard response, showing a genuine concern for the constituent while upholding the policies of the National Personnel Records Center.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Jim has been an invaluable resource to the National Personnel Records Center. It is my honor to recognize his service and dedication before this body of Congress and this nation. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with dedicated public servants like Jim Caffray. On behalf of the citizens that have benefited from the hard work and commitment he has given to the National Personnel Records Center and constituents it serves, I extend my appreciation for his years of dedicated service.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, on July 15 and July 19, 2004, I was unavoidably absent for rollcall votes numbered 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, and 393. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcalls 385, 387, 390, 391, 392, and 393. I would have voted "nay" on rollcalls 386, 388, and 389.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 15, 2004, I was unable to vote on the Buyer Amendment to H.R. 4818, the FY2005 Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (rollcall number 385). Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

WALMART'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud Wal-Mart's recent investment in community. Wal-Mart has decided to look no further than America's backyard to facilitate the manufacturing of quality products from a quality company here at home, Pinnacle Frames & Accents. Wal-Mart's recent decision to renew its contract with Pinnacle displays the company's desire to help the American worker as well as stimulate the American economy.

Wal-Mart deserves praise for making a conscious effort to employ American workers producing American products. Not only has Wal-Mart supported a superior company manufacturing a superior product, but it has deliberately strengthened the company's own ties within the community.

As a further example of Wal-Mart's commitment to community, as Reservists and members of the National Guard are called up for duty, Wal-Mart has ensured our brave men and women receive 100% of their salary while they are protecting our freedoms abroad. This selfless act on behalf of our troops is rare and sets an example we can only hope the rest of corporate America will follow.

Pinnacle Frames & Accents, who just recently renewed their contract with Wal-Mart, is located in Piggott and Pocahontas, Arkansas and maintains a commitment to creating excellent products through their diligent work ethic and professional attention to detail. Pinnacle's employees are hardworking Americans eager and enthusiastic to produce the best products on the market. Wal-Mart, through its recent contract, has proved that one does not have to venture outside of the U.S. to find first-rate, premium products at a fair price like those produced by Pinnacle.

On behalf of the Congress, I recognize Wal-Mart for its decision to continue to invest in its rural roots as well as Pinnacle for their devoted workers and their distinguished business ideals. Wal-Mart's interest in American business practices is apparent through the renewal of this contract with Pinnacle who jointly shares in the company's desire to manufacture superior, quality products.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for rollcall vote 391, to promote freedom and democracy in Viet Nam (H.R. 1587); rollcall vote 392, concerning the importance of the distribution of food in schools to hungry or malnourished children around the world (S. Con. Res. 114); rollcall vote 393, to require a report on the conflict in Uganda (S. 2264).

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall votes 391, 392 and 393.

HONORING 130 YEARS OF HISTORY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Dover Fire Department, of the Town of Dover, in Morris County, New Jersey, a vibrant community I am proud to represent! On July 17, 2004, the good citizens of Dover are celebrating the Fire Department's One-Hundred-Thirtieth Anniversary with a parade.

For 130 years, the Dover Fire Department has been protecting and serving the residents of their community. The fire department is made up of eighty-five volunteers, including Fire Chief Kevin Kasko. Mr. Kasko's father was also a fire department volunteer, serving for forty years. Other dedicated members of the fire department include First Assistant Chief Walter Michalski, Second Assistant Chief William Gilbert, and Third Assistant Chief Edward Ridner. The fire department has three grand marshals with over fifty years of dedicated service to the community they are Fred Sharp, William Gardner, and Herbert Swartz.

The Dover Fire Department has a deep history that is evident in their striking collection of antique fire equipment. To commemorate the Dover Fire Department's 130 year anniversary, thirty-five fire departments from nearby communities will join in a parade that follows a route through a historic area of Dover.

From its charter members to its current roster, the membership of the Dover Fire Department, over the last one hundred thirty years, has dedicated itself to the safety and welfare of Dover's good citizens. Dover's firefighters, dedicated public servants, past and present, are to be commended for a job well done!

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Dover Fire Department on the celebration of its one-hundred thirty years protecting one of New Jersey's finest municipalities.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OLATHE REBEKAH LODGE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 20, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise and pay tribute to the Rebekahs of